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TO THE EDITOR

INVITATION TO DEMOCRATS To the Editor

Reaching my desk recently was a letter soliciting money for William H. Meyer, Vermont's present congressman. Because it has no return address I could not answer it directly so take this opportunity to reply through your columns.

The letter suggests that Meyer wants to end nuclear testing and our world supremacy in these weapons; that he believes we can prevent war, in a world armed to the teeth, by throwing away our arms and that we can negotiate a peace (Chamberlain also believed this at Munich) by sitting down with the Communist in Red China and Russia.

Meyer has also said that we can defend our country as much as necessary by a small army and we don't need the draft (Russia, unfortunately, does not believe the same), that we should allow Communist propaganda to go freely through the mails unchecked and uncontrolled, etc.

The letter ends by asking "Please keep fighting for this wonderful goal."

Meyer is not only soft on Communism, but he believes in giving the enemies of the Free World the soft answer... as in Cuba. He recently voted against applying economic sanctions to Cuba (a dangerous Communist foothold at our back door) on the ground that he does not want to anger those who have Cuba by the throat.

What a wonderful goal for Vermont Democrats to condone!

Recently a high ranking former Russian Naval Officer testified before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities (a Committee the same Meyer opposed) that the Russian high command is prepared for and expects to deliver a surprise atomic attack on the U. S., and that Khrushchev will order the attack the second he thinks Russia is strong enough... a hope he wants to realize in his lifetime.

Yet if the Congress followed Meyer's objective (which thank God it did not because 80 percent of our Congressmen are patriotic) this nation would be helpless. This is exactly what the Russian and Red China are waiting and hoping for, according to the information we have from their own defectors and the CIA.

Now, Vermont Democrats, is this the wonderful goal you desire and the stand you yourselves take as patriotic Americans? Do you advocate softness toward a breed of people who are anti-Christ, anti-church and anti-religion?

I give myself the pleasure of doubting it. I believe that Vermont Democrats of good Christian faith are actually fed up with Meyer's ideas and for this reason I invite them to give him up. Fortunately, Vermont Democrats have one chance left to make things right with their neighbors, their State and their nation. This can be done in November at the polls by voting for Robert T. Stafford. I am not asking Democrats to vote for Stafford because he is Republican. I am asking them to vote for him because

1. Bob Stafford is a patriotic man of courage. He served as a Naval officer in World War II and in Korea. What service did Meyer render his country in these two critical times of peril?

2. Bob Stafford believes in and practices the ideals and moral precepts of the Christian religion. Since Meyer, by his record favors those who do not, what religion does Meyer profess and what church does he belong to? (I cannot be accused here of religious prejudice because I am emphasizing Meyer's anti-religious prejudice!)

3. Bob Stafford has been tested in the public offices of justice attorney, attorney general, lieutenant governor and governor and found to be honest, able and successful. (What public office other than his present one has Mr. Meyer ever held?) Mr. Meyer has been tested in only one public office and found to have no basic understandings of American ideals and principles.

4. Bob Stafford has proved he can give Vermonters fair representation. Meyer has given them unfair representation by advocat-

ing ideas only one in 10,000 Vermonters believe.

5. Bob Stafford will save Vermont's reputation for leadership when he gets to Congress and erase the blot Meyer has put upon us.

Vermont Democrats can also help to erase this blot by voting for Stafford in November and allowing Mr. Meyer to go back to the trees which, I feel sure, he understands better than people.

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